

## LI SUM LING MUCH IMPRESSED

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## CALLED AWAY SUDDENLY

Leaves in Order to Catch Ship, but Says Visit Will Help Virginia.

Receiving messages that the ship on which he was to take passage from San Francisco to China would sail two days earlier than at first scheduled, Mr. Li Sum Ling, who has been the guest of the business men of the city since last Friday, left yesterday evening for the South. Plans for the rest of his travels in the United States were not complete when he left last night. He thought it most probable, however, that he would abandon his proposed visit to Savannah and go straight through to New Orleans, leaving there for San Francisco in time to catch his boat to Hongkong.

Due to the suddenness of Mr. Li's departure, a number of those who had been entertaining him were not at the train to bid him good-by.

Charmed With Reception. As he left, Mr. Li said: "I am charmed with the reception that I received in Richmond. Although I have been well received at every city I have visited, the attentions paid me here were more impressive to me because of the unmistakable evidences of sincerity. I have never met people who impressed me so much as the people here."

He said also that the information gathered in this city was highly valuable to him in his work, adding that it would be of greater value to Virginia and the South if his plans for closer trade relations materialized. He expressed his disappointment that his trip had been cut short before he could complete his investigation. Today had been set apart for visiting the public schools and the tobacco factories which he wanted particularly to inspect. He hopes to inaugurate modern methods in the schools of his country, especially for the education of the women. It is also one of his plans to establish a great tobacco trade between Virginia and China.

## Enterprise of Chamber.

The receipt given the distinguished Chinaman while a visitor to the city is the best evidence of the enterprise of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce. Though the business men had only a few hours' notice of his coming, they arranged a program of entertainment which was a stronger impression upon their visitor than all the attentions he had received in the United States.

During his visit almost every member of the Chamber of Commerce expressed himself as being confident that the visit of Mr. Li would result in great commercial gain for the city and the South. In addition to this the city will profit largely by the publicity given its business men and its various enterprises.

According to instructions given by President F. D. Williams, the Chamber, Business Manager W. T. Dabney devoted the greater portion of his time to Mr. Li, showing him around the city and compiling many facts and figures about the city and its advantages. Mr. Li left with a mass of data, which will be made public in the columns of the columns of his paper, the Hong Kong Daily Mail. Shortly before he left he requested Mr. Dabney to give him a list of names of a number of the men who were active in entertaining him, saying that he wished to write them personal letters as soon as he reached China.

## HEAVY DECREASE IN EARNINGS

Norfolk and Western Shows Loss in Passenger and Freight Business.

In a statement of earnings and expenses of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company for the month of September, issued Saturday by Joseph W. Cox, controller, the total earnings show a decrease over the corresponding month of last year of 16 per cent. The total expenses for the same period show a decrease of 22 per cent. Passengers, mail and express earnings for the month amounted to \$412,710.37, against \$564,273.31 last year, the decrease amounting to \$151,562.94, or 27 per cent.

Freight earnings for the month were \$770,517.37, compared with \$2,411,436.44 last year, a decrease of \$1,640,919.07, or 68 per cent. Total earnings were \$2,508,739.83, against \$2,975,959.94, a decrease of \$467,220.11, or 15 per cent. Total expenses for the month reached \$1,494,685.26, as compared with \$1,920,248.36, a decrease in expense of \$425,563.10, or 22 per cent.

The surplus, after deducting all fixed charges and taxes for the month was \$770,517.37, against \$1,620,818.25 last year, a decrease of \$850,300.88.

For the three months, July, August and September, of this year, as compared with the corresponding quarter last year, the total earnings decreased 15 per cent, while the total expenses decreased 22 per cent.

## STORE PARTIALLY DESTROYED

Rear of Russell's Grocery Store Nearly Burned. Fire originating from some unknown cause yesterday evening partially destroyed Russell's grocery store, near the corner of Adams and Leigh streets. The blaze was confined to the rear part of the building. Much damage was done by fire and water to the stock and fixtures. The amount of the loss could not be ascertained.

## ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTORS FOR THE GEN. ARMITAGE FUND

The following contributions have been made to the Armitage fund: James R. Lacy, Richmond, \$1.00; A. Jennings, Richmond, \$1.00; Joseph Bryan, Richmond, \$1.00.

Three Bells at Her. Willie Taylor, colored, was arrested yesterday on a charge of throwing a bottle at Annie Wafer.

## ELECTS OFFICERS

Grand Royal Arch Chapter Selects Dignitaries for the Year.

At a meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Masons in Virginia held at the Masonic Temple last week, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Grand High Priest, Most Excellent William B. McChesney, Staunton; Grand King, Right Excellent Elias Lyons Guy, Norfolk; Grand Scribe, Right Excellent William C. Matthews, Big Stone Gap; Grand Treasurer, Most Excellent William B. McChesney, Staunton; Grand Marshal, Companion Oscar J. Adams, Richmond; Grand Tyler, Companion James A. Pampin, Richmond; Past Grand High Priest, Companion John T. Carter and John H. Fisher.

## ROCKFELLER THE HOODOO

Hill Montague Says Mack Has Influenced Spink to Turn on Limerick.

Mr. Hill Montague, who returned last night from New York and Rhode Island, where he has been speaking for the Democratic candidates, says that the influence of Charles A. Mack, the Democratic candidate for Governor, is most encouraging. Present indications, he declares, show that the Democratic candidates will carry Greater New York by a great majority.

Through all of the country in which he traveled, he said, political interest was at white heat, and that the statements of Mr. Carnegie and Mr. McKim, that they would support Mr. Taft had stirred it to greater intensity. In all parts of the country, Chairman Mack has instructed the campaign workers to hammer on the subject of the influence of the Rockefeller family, and he says, is being accorded great receptions and will carry New York State.

## MR. WALLACE SPEAKS

With Judge Graham He Addresses Democrats at Virginia.

Charles M. Wallace, Jr. of Richmond, and Judge Graham of North Carolina, spoke at the Democratic meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce last night. The Republicans also had a meeting, as well as a barbecue, and were addressed by Hon. Mercer Hartman, Republican candidate for Congress in the Sixth District and Mr. Bradshaw.

The Republicans challenged the Democrats to a joint discussion, and the challenge was promptly accepted. But when the Democratic speakers made their appearance, the Republicans backed out, and so separate meetings were held.

There was little enthusiasm at the Republican meeting, though the crowd was larger. At the Democratic meeting, however, the utmost enthusiasm prevailed. Judge Graham made a splendid speech and drew many rounds of applause by his telling points. Mr. Wallace spoke briefly, but made a whirlwind finish and went after the Republicans without gloves. There were a number of ladies present.

## THREW WAGON ON TREE-BOX

Horse Is Hurled to Pavement Uninjured, and Groceries Are Dumped Out.

In a collision Saturday night between Car No. 240, of the Riverline line, and the grocery wagon of W. D. Somerfield, the vehicle was thrown bottom up on a tree-box, the groceries dumped out on the ground and the horse sent hurtling over to the sidewalk. The animal landed right side up, and remained where he lit as if nothing had happened.

The accident occurred at Chaffin and Harrison streets. The wagon was pretty badly damaged, but the horse was uninjured. The driver got his wagon into shape, replaced his groceries, and hitching up his horse, drove slowly off again.

## INQUIRE INTO COUNTRY LIFE

Presidential Commission to Hold Session in Richmond Next Week.

Representative farmers, teachers, business men, physicians and others who live in the open country, or have direct relations with it, are invited to meet the Commission on Country Life, appointed by President Roosevelt, in Richmond, on the 10th of this month. The commission will leave Washington November 14th, and will visit several educational centers in the South for the purpose of obtaining information on the present condition of country life, what the country needs to be done to improve it, and if so what steps should be taken by the national government. It is proposed to hold hearings at agricultural colleges and other centers in the South, whenever effective organizations can be found for securing the attendance of persons who are well qualified to express an opinion on country life problems.

Accredited delegates from Granges, farmers' clubs, or similar organizations, as well as farmers and others who come on their own responsibility, and who are likely to be helpful in the investigation, will be invited. The meetings will be public, but will not be held for the purpose of making speeches.

Full and free discussions of the various problems affecting the life of the farmer, especially those relating to the larger, economic, social and sanitary questions of country life, will form the basis for these hearings. The itinerary of the commission will be as follows: College Park, Md., November 14th; Richmond, November 15th; Raleigh, N. C., November 16th; Spartanburg, S. C., November 17th; Knoxville, Tenn., November 18th; Athens, Ga., November 19th; Lexington, Ky., November 20th.

At Richmond the party will divide, some of the members going direct to Athens, Ga., and others to Raleigh and Spartanburg. The full commission will be present at Knoxville and Lexington, and after the tour the notes will be compiled into a report drawn by the membership of the commission. It is as follows: L. H. Bailey, chairman; Henry W. Wallace, L. B. Butternut, Gilford Pinchot and Walter L. Hays. The party will be accompanied by C. M. Blanchard, statistician in the reclamation service.

## POLICE JANITOR A BOOZE SELLER

Simon Travis, Honorary Member of Department, Arrested Yesterday.

## OPERATED CLOSE TO STATION

Asks to Be Released, But Is Imprisoned in His Familiar Sanctuary.

Simon Travis, assistant janitor at the First Police Station, and self-styled member of the police department—the only colored man who bears that distinction—thought to cover his sins under the cloak of his position and good standing with the police, but found to his sorrow yesterday morning that he must go the way of all evildoers who are caught and that his sale of 5-cent shorts on Sunday would be prohibited.

Simon was polite and popular, a man of age and family, and his note is almost innocent of hirsute covering. He was not an adornment to the First Station, but was very useful, especially on wintry nights, when it was his duty to keep the furnace going and keep the building warm. Taking advantage of his position, he is alleged, conducted his Sunday business almost within the back yard of the police station.

He is the proud possessor of a barber shop, where one gets a shave for 5 cents and a hair cut for three nickels. The back yard of his shop on Seventeenth Street is contiguous to the back yard of the station, and here in the midst of his followers and the source of his rapidly accumulating wealth, Policemen Gary and Dugan caught him yesterday morning. He had a goodly supply for the thirsty, a crate of beer on ice, two jugs of the vintage of 1878 and several bottles of lesser worth. He was doing out the shorts, it is alleged, when the officers walked in.

"Et tu, Brute?" asked Dugan in surprise.

"Thou, too, oh, Simon?" echoed Gary. "Can mine eyes believe what they see?" "This is a lie," quoth Simon in despair. "Lemme go this time, wond'ers? I'll never do it no more, 'deed I won't!" But he had to go, and for the first time in his life Simon walked into the station a prisoner. It was a melancholy spectacle, and even the dog Dink bayed in reproachful sorrow.

The two officers caught another man, James Watkins (colored), who is charged with operating a Sunday dispensary at No. 7 North Twenty-second Street. His supply was confiscated as evidence.

## RUBBER DAY FOR KINDERGARTEN

Collection Will Be Made on November 17th for Deserving Charity.

In order to aid and further develop the Brook Avenue neighborhood work, which includes a free kindergarten, children's free library, mothers' club and other classes, the Federation of Clubs has decided to have a "Rubber Day" on Tuesday, November 17th. On this day old rubber articles—shoes, hot water bags, rubber tires, caps, coats, gloves or pieces of rubber—may be taken to certain rubber stations, appointed by the committee and designated through the medium of the press. Wagons will fetch the rubber from these stations in the morning, and when it will be disposed of for the benefit of Brook Avenue Neighborhood Work, which is non-sectarian, supported by voluntary subscriptions and fills a need of the city.

The following stations have been already promised and others will be added: Monumental Kindergarten, Broad, below Twelfth; Mr. R. H. Meade, Powhatan Clay Manufacturing Company, No. 14 North Seventh Street; Westminster School, No. 705 West Grace; Miss Talcott's Kindergarten, No. 14 West Main; The Passenger and Power Young Men's Christian Association; the Brook Avenue Kindergarten, No. 715 Brook Avenue; Mrs. L. R. Currie, Ginter Park; Woman's Christian Association, No. 711 East Franklin; Mrs. Howard Whitlock, No. 200 Fourth Avenue, Chestnut Hill; Mrs. William Gemmel, No. 1108 Capitol Street; Mrs. E. M. Lindsay, 522 North Tenth; Mrs. E. M. Jones, No. 247 North Eleventh; Mrs. C. C. Wall, No. 402 North Tenth; Mrs. W. H. Brown, No. 100 East Cary; Mrs. Stoll, No. 305 West Main; Mrs. W. A. Anderson, No. 111 North Sixth Street; Mrs. Browning, No. 707 South Laurel; Mrs. M. H. Asher, No. 503 North Fourth; Miss Beryl Barber, No. 1005 West Grace; Mrs. Bowen, No. 1003 West Marshall; Journal office, No. 610 East Broad; Belle Bryan Day Nursery, Nineteenth and Grace; Associated Charities, No. 1408 East Franklin, and St. Andrew's Kindergarten, corner Cherry and Beverly streets.

## FARMVILLE POST-OFFICE

Carrier System Installed by Inspector Calvert, of Richmond.

Post-Office Inspector William M. Calvert has just returned from Farmville, where he has been for the purpose of establishing a city delivery service. During the last year the growth of Farmville has been so great as to warrant additional post-office facilities. An effort is being made to establish a station at the State Female Normal School for the accommodation of the 800 or more young women who attend the school. Mr. Calvert recommended the changing of the station between Worsham and Farmville, so that Hampden-Sidney, which is between the two offices, will get quicker and more efficient service.

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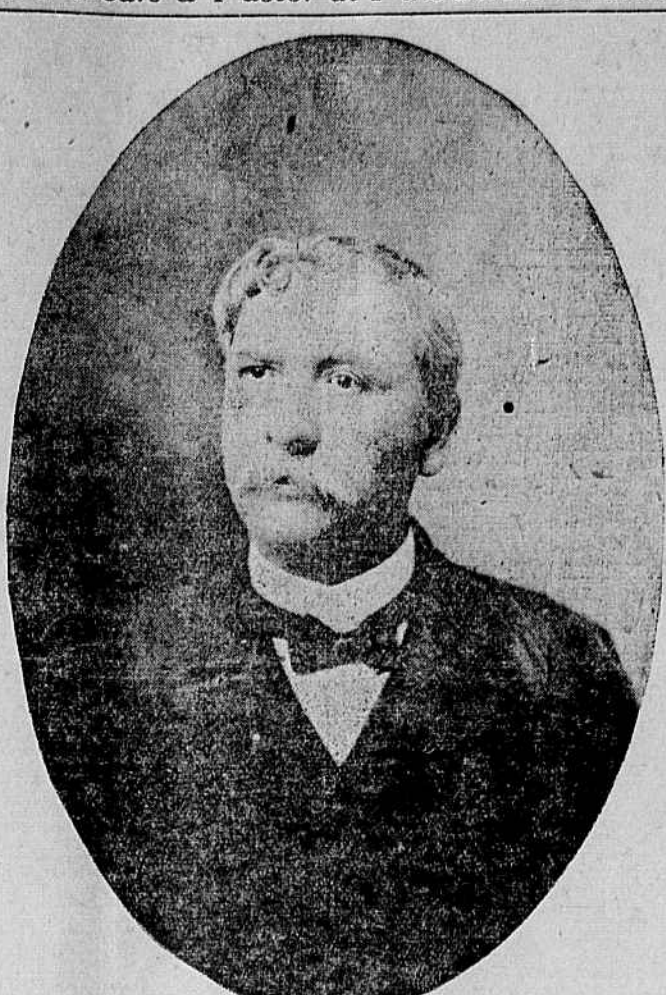
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## 36 Years a Pastor at Pine Street Church



REV. DR. J. B. HUTSON.

With a crowd that more than filled the building, the congregation of the Pine Street Baptist Church celebrated yesterday the thirty-sixth anniversary of the pastorate of the Rev. J. B. Hutson, D. D., the oldest pastor in point of service in the city. So large was the number of people who came to shake his hand and wish him many more years of service to his church that chairs had to be placed in every available space on the floor and pulpit, and then it was impossible to seat all.

Showing that his years of service in this city had not been alone for his own denomination, it was noticeable that a large part of the congregation was composed of persons of other denominations, who were as eager to congratulate him as the members of his own church.

From his own church, Dr. Hutson was greeted by the women of the congregation, and the choir rendered a specially selected program for the occasion.

On the pulpit were seated the following special guests, with the deacons of the church: Dr. John Pollard, Dr. W. H. Whitford, Dr. L. E. Hays, Dr. James Buchanan, Dr. J. E. Hutson and ex-Governor A. J. Montague.

As has been his custom on similar occasions in the past, Dr. Hutson read a review of his work with the church compiled from records kept since the day he took charge.

## From Small Beginnings.

On November 1, 1872, his pastorate commenced. The church was then one of the smallest of the Baptist denomination in the city, and was situated in the suburbs. The building was a small affair, and together with all of the other church property was valued at only \$1,500. The membership numbered 176. Under the firm hand and good judgment of Dr. Hutson, coupled with the magnetism as a speaker, the church began to grow rapidly as soon as he had assumed charge and more than kept up with the growth of the city.

With its present membership of 1,758 and property valued at \$55,000, there is no doubt but that the church is the largest of the Baptist denomination in the South. The members are unanimous in saying that the great success of the institution is primarily due to the efforts of Dr. Hutson.

During the time of his pastorate Dr. Hutson has made 42,944 pastoral visits, which number does not include visits made when the families were not at home, which amount to 300 or 400 each year. He has conducted in this city no less than 1,777 funerals. A great part of his attention has been given to the Sunday school of the Pine Street Church, and its growth has been

The town will be covered by two carriers, who will serve that part lying above the railroad. The carriers appointed were Messrs. Alfred W. Lancaster and Arthur E. Jones, with Herman H. Gilliam as substitute.

When the present postmaster, Mr. R. W. Garnett, took charge of the office in March, 1907, it was paying only \$2,000. One year later it was paying \$2,900. When it was remembered that the salary of the postmaster is based on the business done by his office, it can be seen that the increase has been considerable.

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## COULDN'T MAKE ACT OF CLEAN FLOODE FIASCO

Water Department Asks Complete Investigation Into Causes of Failure.

## PUBLIC GROWING RESTLESS

Dissatisfaction at Long Delays in Securing Clear Water Causes Complaint.

Notwithstanding the interest in politics, the Common Council to-night will attract almost the full membership, with a large gallery of visitors, to hear the discussion of the flume fiasco, which comes up on the report of the Committee on Water, and the request for a councilmanic investigation. While the investigation will no doubt be ordered, there is evident a restless spirit in the Council over the continued delay in securing clear water, and the Water Department and committee may come in for some severe hammering. In the city at large there is evident a disposition to ridicule the whole Council for the lack of results obtained in securing clear water. The council finds itself in the somewhat absurd position of having erected a \$350,000 water clearing plant a mile up the river and having let it lie idle for two years for lack of a sufficient contract to convey the water to the pumps.

The general opinion obtained through the dilatory methods of the Council in awarding the contract is as much the cause of the present situation as the actual failure of the concrete tube.

The situation now presents three angles. First, the proposition to put squarely up to the Water Department of securing the use of the settling basin at the earliest possible day, even at some extra cost; second, legal process against the Crouse Construction Company to recover some part of the amount already paid for a flume, which, in the judgment of members of the Water Committee, is a complete failure; and third, an investigation of the city's part in the failure of this \$350,000 undertaking.

## For Complete Investigation.

The investigation proposed will be in the hands of two competent engineers, and a special committee of the Council empowered to summon witnesses and compel the production of papers and records. It will be the duty of this committee and its experts to inquire into the plans and specifications, the formulae, the estimated cost, and the engineer's estimate of the tensile strength of such a tube.

The committee must investigate the letting of the contract, the appointment of the inspectors, and the general conduct of the work; it must learn the reason why the same took more than two years to build while the contract called for six months, why no penalties have been collected, and why the work was not tested as built. It must inquire into the work of the resident engineer, and the concrete inspectors; how many hours a day they spent on the job, whether they were competent, energetic and faithful; and the expert engineers retained must file with their findings as to the character of the tube, recommendations to guide the city in its future course, especially whether it will be worth while to patch the present wreck, or whether it will pay better to abandon it altogether.

While many other matters will come up in the course of the Council meeting, some of them matters of importance, the flume will hold the centre of the stage. The public has shown more patience than might have been expected in waiting for the flume to produce clear water, and in continuing to pay the interest on a great \$500,000 undertaking, which is not yet productive. Now it is demanding to know why. The blame for the flume fiasco will fall on the Council until it can be clearly shown that the evidence of engineers of undoubted standing where it should be placed, and steps taken by the Council to place it there.

## Times-Dispatch Election News

## Great Interest in the Display to Be Made in Capitol Square.

Arrangements will be perfected for the Times-Dispatch display of election returns to-morrow night, beginning at 7 o'clock. The telautograph which will flash the figures within plain view of as many people as can stand in the Capitol Square south of the Capitol building and the Washington Monument will be in perfect working order. There remains now only the erecting of the canvas and turning on the electric current, which will be done a short time before the returns begin to come in. In addition to this, great interest will be taken in the colored rockets which will be fired from the roof of The Times-Dispatch Building every hour from 9 o'clock to 2 o'clock. A red rocket indicates that Bryan leads; blue, that Taft leads; white, in doubt; and white, Bryan wins; blue and white, Taft wins.

Heretofore The Times-Dispatch's display of the election returns have drawn large crowds, it being estimated that 10,000 people saw the moving picture display four years ago on the night that Roosevelt was elected. The indications now are that to-morrow night's assemblage will be the largest ever gathered in the Capitol Square.

During the intervals when there will be no figures to display, the crowd will be kept in a good humor by moving pictures, music by the Blues Band and by caricatures thrown on the canvas by the telautograph operator.

Interest in the colored rockets is second only to the wonderful telautograph. Because they will go up without a moment's warning, men will hold their breaths in anticipation as the clock nears the hour, and great shouts will rise from many throats as the light flashes across the sky, no matter what the color may be. Already Democrats and Republicans are "kidding" each other about them. Yesterday an ardent Taft-Democrat declared that The Times-Dispatch would have no use for the red lights. The offer of a wager from a Democrat quickly elicited the reply that he was a sport, but the shot was too long. Local Democrats are confident that the red will be shown several times, and not a few are willing to place real money that eventually the red and white will end the fireworks for this campaign.

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## BOY LOSES EYE AS RESULT OF FUN

Cartridge, Exploded in Bonfire, Strikes Walter Lane in Face.

## MOTHER MAY DIE FROM SHOCK

Frank Nelson and Percy Lane, Charged With Throwing Shells Into Fire, Arrested.

As the result of the foolish pastime of two boys in throwing revolver cartridges into a fire on Venable Street last night, the eye of a youngster, thirteen or fourteen years of age, of No. 606 Buchanan Street, lost his left eye, and his mother, who has been seriously ill for two weeks, may die as the result of the nervous shock. The boy was playing with Frank Nelson and Percy Lane, each fifteen years old, on Venable Street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth, where they had lit a bonfire. Frank Nelson and Percy Lane are the ones who are alleged to have thrown three cartridges into the fire. Two of the boys were less, to the delight of the boys, as the third struck Walter Lane in the left eye, the cartridge being so firmly imbedded in the ball of the eye that it had to be removed by surgical operation.

The other boys cried out when they heard Walter's shriek of pain, and saw him throw his hand up to his face. Blood streamed down between his fingers, and he sobbed out aloud in his agony.

Unassisted and without attention, he walked a few blocks to his home, which he had left only a short while before, and the sight of him so frightened and shocked his ill mother that she rapidly became worse and required a physician's attention.

The city ambulance was called, and while Dr. White arrived he saw that an operation would be necessary. The boy was taken out to the home, where his eye was removed. He was reported late last night as doing well.

Both the other boys were placed under arrest, charged with disorderly conduct—the holding of a fire in the street and exploding cartridges. They were bailed for their appearance in Police Court this morning. Both were very remorseful over the terrible result of their attempt at fun.

## CHURCH TRAVELS TO ITS PEOPLE

Catholic Chapel Car to Arrive in Richmond on Thursday Morning.

Unique in the history of church extension work in any denomination, the chapel car of the Catholic Church Extension Society of the United States, which is exciting widespread curiosity and interest wherever it travels, will arrive in Richmond at the Byrd Street Station at 8:30 o'clock Thursday morning. It will remain here all day for inspection by the public, which has been cordially invited. The announcement of the expected arrival of the chapel car was made in all the Catholic churches at the services yesterday morning.

The car is the first of its kind in the history of the world. It is fitted up exactly as a church, though necessarily on a smaller scale. It was built by the Pullman Company in Chicago two years ago, and was inaugurated by the archbishop of that city. It has traversed the country, fulfilling its mission in the most efficient manner, where Catholics are gathered in too small a number to erect a church of their own.

The two Chicago priests who are in charge have taken their traveling church through many of the principal cities in the West, where they have visited lumber and mining camps and small towns and villages, where there are no churches. It is performing a very efficient work, and its services have excited so much attention that it has received the commendation of His Holiness, the Pope, at Rome. After its stay of a day here, it will proceed on a tour of the South, going to those places where services are desired, but where there are no churches or priests.

## DRINKS AND DIES FROM EXPOSURE

Forgotten by His Friends, Frank Leonard Is Found Dead Hours Later.

Stretched out on the ground at comfortable length, Frank Leonard, of No. 618 Louisiana Street, was found stark and